BLACKFRIARS HALL

ACCEPTABLE USE OF BLACKFRIARS NETWORK AND COMPUTERS (I.T.)

Most internet services in Blackfriars Hall are provided to the Hall by the University; this means that anyone who wishes to connect his or her computer to the Blackfriars Hall network is bound by the following rules.

The full set of University rules concerning network access can currently be found at http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/statutes/regulations/196-052.shtml.

The following points in particular should be noted.

1. Any password, authorisation code, etc. given to a user will be for his or her use only, and must be kept secure and must not be disclosed to or used by any other person.

2. Users are not permitted to use university IT or network facilities for any of the following:

    a. any unlawful activity;

    b. the creation, transmission, storage, downloading, or display of any offensive, obscene, indecent, or menacing images, data, or other material, or any data capable of being resolved into such images or material [with exceptions only for bona fide, pre-authorised, research subject to conditions];

    c. the creation, transmission, or display of material which is designed or likely to harass another person in breach of the University's Code of Practice on Harassment;

    d. the creation or transmission of defamatory material about any individual or organisation;

    e. the sending of any e-mail that does not correctly identify the sender of that e-mail or attempts to disguise the identity of the computer from which it was sent;

    f. the sending of any message appearing to originate from another person, or otherwise attempting to impersonate another person;

    g. the transmission, without proper authorisation, of e-mail to a large number of recipients, unless those recipients have indicated an interest in receiving such e-mail, or the sending or forwarding of e-mail which is intended to encourage the propagation of copies of itself;

    h. the creation or transmission of or access to material in such a way as to infringe a copyright, moral right, trade mark, or other intellectual property right;

i. private profit, except to the extent authorised under the user's conditions of employment or other agreement with the University or Hall; or commercial purposes without specific authorisation;

j. gaining or attempting to gain unauthorised access to any facility or service within or outside the University, or making any attempt to disrupt or impair such a service;

k. the deliberate or reckless undertaking of activities such as may result in any of the following:

l. the waste of staff effort or network resources, including time on any system accessible via the university network;

m. the corruption or disruption of other users' data;

n. the violation of the privacy of other users;

o. the disruption of the work of other users;

p. the introduction or transmission of a virus into the network;

3. Participation in distributed file-sharing networks is not permitted [with exceptions only for bona fide, pre-authorised, research subject to conditions] Particular attention is drawn to the prohibition of file-sharing under any circumstances; file-sharing programs, including *BitTorrent, Kazaa, eMule, uTorrent, Limewire, Thunder, Vuze* and *Ares* must not be used on the Hall's network.

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